



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

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MAIN STREET PROJECT

Construction is almost done. The southbound lane of North Main Street was scheduled to re-open at 3:00 PM today, however, due to the rain of the past few days, the pavement striping, which was supposed to take place on Wednesday, was delayed. The striping will take place today and the southbound lane will re-open as soon as the paint is dry; probably later this evening.

We will still proceed with the ceremonial ribbon cutting today at 3:00 PM at City Plaza. Be on the lookout for Mayor Bouley and Digger in a red convertible as they make the first pass southbound down North Main Street.



Although the north and southbound travel lanes will be re-opening, and parking will be available on both sides of the street, the construction crews have a bit more work to do over the next week and a half to wrap things up. The hard-scape crews will be putting the finishing touches on the granite bump out at Warren Street on Monday, and plan to complete work at City Plaza by next Friday. Severino Construction will also be working on final punch list items. They may need to block off a few parking spaces, and traffic may be shifted periodically, so that they can do what they need to do. This will include rebuilding the east side of the Park Street crosswalk for drainage purposes.

With the re-opening of North Main Street, parking fees go back into effect and the parking kiosks will be operational beginning on Monday morning. Keep in mind that parking costs \$.25 less per hour in the City parking garages than on the street, and you can park longer.

SEWALLS FALLS BRIDGE

This past week, the contractor completed the pile driving operation at the westerly abutment and made progress on the temporary work platform adjacent to the existing truss spans. Next week, the form work will begin for the concrete footing of the westerly abutment, water main installation will occur at the south end of the project, and continued progress will be made on the temporary work platform.



NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT SUPERINTENDENT



Concord General Services is pleased to announce the promotion of **Dan Driscoll** as the new Wastewater Treatment Superintendent. Dan will take over for Mike Hanscom, who is retiring on January 29, 2016, after a 30 year career with the City of Concord, 21 of those years as Wastewater Treatment Superintendent. Dan has been a Wastewater Treatment Operations Supervisor with the City for five years. He has received advanced leadership training through the Primex Emerging Leaders Program, and supervisor training through the Primex Supervisors Academy. Dan is certified as a Grade IV NH Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator and a Grade II NH Drinking Water Treatment and Distribution Operator. Prior to working for the City of Concord, Dan was a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator for the City of Manchester. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science. The City of Concord appreciates Mike Hanscom's dedicated years of service and congratulates Dan Driscoll on his new position.



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KNOT JUST KNITTERS

**Tuesday, November 17th
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

Do you knit, crochet or do other needlework? If so, come for an evening of crafting at the Concord Public Library. Create and chat, share your projects, and meet some fellow crafters. You may bring your own project or help knit and crochet hats and mittens for charity. Please bring your own supplies.

INTRODUCTION TO WINTER HIKING

**An AMC-NH Partner Event
Wednesday, November 18th
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

Allison Driscoll of trailtosummit.com will talk about the basics of heat management and clothing options, skills preparation, gear requirements, physical conditioning, safety, and more. Allison will provide an inside look at her own experience hiking NH's highest peaks in winter.

NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

The City's cemeteries are a beautiful place to visit and many take advantage of their safe walking paths. There has been an increased amount of people allowing their dogs to run free and defecate in the cemeteries. Please be respectful of our sacred grounds, keep dogs on leashes at all times, and clean up after them. Not only is it common courtesy, but it is required by City Ordinance No. 1880, Section 12-1-1.

ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

Sewer and drain manhole covers are in the process of being raised to grade, along with the storm water catch basin grates. Curbing continues to be set along the corridor and should be completed next week. Sidewalks and driveways continue to be paved as well. Loaming of the disturbed areas has begun and will be ongoing over the next few weeks. One lane, two-way traffic will be maintained through the work zone.



NEIGHBORHOOD STREET PAVING PROGRAM

Continental Paving is finishing base paving efforts for the season on Silk Farm Road (from Clinton Street to the Bow town line), Blevens Drive, Quail Ridge Road, and Sundance Road. The granite curbing has been reset and catch basins and manhole covers have been raised to grade. Driveways have been tied back in and loam is being set along the sides of the roads to reinforce the edges and structure of the new pavement. The final pavement layer will be added in the spring or summer of 2016 to complete paving for these roads. To view the projected paving plan for the next two years, visit [www.concordnh.gov/paving plan](http://www.concordnh.gov/paving_plan).

LOUDON ROAD WATER MAIN PROJECT FOLLOW-UP

Continental Paving will be installing permanent pavement on the side streets, sidewalks and driveway trenches that were affected by the 2013 Loudon Road Water Main Replacement Project. They will begin at Jiffy Lube on the south side of Loudon Road and move east. The 500-foot work area will move east along the corridor as work progresses. Traffic will be limited to one lane through the work zone. Permanent trench patches on sidewalks and side streets will be complete in about three weeks.

ROLFE PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction has ended for the season on the Rolfe Park pool. The concrete shell of the pool has been put into place and the coat of plaster will be completed in the spring. The concrete has been poured for the new deck around the pool as well. Contractors have also excavated the "baby pool" adjacent to the new pool to address some drainage, maintenance, and aesthetic issues.